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"SHINING STARS IN ESA"

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Peggie Sprinkle

Oklahoma State Council President



Hello Oklahoma Shining Stars - The year is almost over!!! I am looking forward to seeing you all at the **75th Oklahoma State Convention in Tulsa on April 27, 28 & 29th**. I can't wait to see all the great things you have done for ESA this past year!

I hope you have enjoyed reading about some of the chapters in Oklahoma. I am **very proud** of **all** the good works ESA members are doing every day, every week, every month in Oklahoma!

Delta Kappa Chapter - Norman was chartered 25 February, 1967 by Delta Chi 1637 of Midwest City. During the past 50 years, Delta Kappa has weathered its ups and downs in members. The membership has been as low as 4 members to as high as 29 members. Janice Shockley has been a member the longest. She pledged Delta Kappa February, 1968. Janice has Delta Kappa year books dating as far back as 1967-68.

We meet twice a month, 1st Monday & 3rd Monday September - May. Our members always enjoy the wonderful fellowship and refreshments served at our monthly meeting.

Between September and March is our busy time of the year for our ways & means project in support of our philanthropic projects. We work all of the OU men's & women's basketball games and football games during their season.

Locally, for the support of our philanthropic projects, we have sent donations to the Disaster Fund, St. Michael's Community Christmas Dinner, Cleveland County Christmas Store, Veteran's Corner, Bridges, Among Friends, Goodrich Church Care Closet and OSD & OSB for our four adopted children's monthly allowances and their Christmas gifts. Our members support & volunteer with the St Jude Radio-thon and Dream Home. We have a garage sale and a closet sale each year with the proceeds going to St. Jude and Easter Seals.

The chapter has had several members serve on the Oklahoma State Council board and committees throughout the years. We've had 4 members serve as Oklahoma State Council President: Wanda Morrow, Vivian Gibson, Gwynn Nell Swanson and Joyce Gibson. The chapter has won several years of awards at Convention including Outstanding Chapter.

We love socializing with swimming/birthday gatherings, Wine tasting & grape stomping, touring Oklahoma and many others. The socials are where we can relax, enjoy each other's company, have fun and eat!! We have been active for 51 years and looking forward to the next 50!!

Submitted by

Gwynn Nell Swanson

Zeta Gamma Chapter - Shawnee was chartered on October 29, 1972, by Maxine Beaver Wheelan. The chapter had help in its early years from Maxine, Billie Fritch and Wanda Morrow. Among the members who chartered the chapter was Mary Ann Jones, who is still a member! Mary Ann was the Petticoat Journal editor in 1977-78, in the days when the PJ was typed by hand, run on a mimeograph machine, hand-collated by the members of the chapter and the labels were hand-typed. There were also nearly 600 subscriptions at the time. The post office loved us!

In the spring of 1973, Zeta Gamma held its first bike ride for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. 46 years later, the chapter has never failed to add its support to the Hospital. Zeta Gamma has supported Easter Seals since it became one of the International Council's projects. The Schools for the Blind and Deaf and Jane Brooks School for the Deaf have benefitted from Zeta Gamma's philanthropy.

The chapter has supported the different projects of District IV and locally, the chapter has donated to and worked for the children's section of the Shawnee Library, the Shawnee Medical Center's children's ward, Unzner House, a place for abused children to be physically treated and able to testify electronically, was a special project prior to Shoes that Fit.

The chapter supports the ESA Foundation through the District IV Scholarship and three other Scholarships founded by Zeta Gamma members. We have

several Life Active members of the Foundation and ESA. Zeta Gamma members have included one Chairman of the ESA Foundation Board, five Oklahoma State Council presidents, countless members of the Oklahoma State Council Board and many District IV Coordinators.

Maybe the Chapter's diversity comes from the fact that our members come from Choctaw, Luther, Nicoma Park, Tulsa, and St. Louis, Missouri.

We love ESA and its members. We believe we are truly an organization of SISTERS!

Submitted by Lola Jaegers



The 2017-2018 Nominating Committee proudly presents the incoming Oklahoma State Council
2018-2019 Executive Board



**Margaret Kramer – President
Beta Iota, McAlester**



**June Miller – Corresponding Secretary
Beta Iota, McAlester**



Linda Leveridge – First Vice President Delta Kappa, Norman

I am currently serving as your Second Vice President. I appreciate all the support and encouragement from my ESA Family. I look forward to the challenge and the opportunity to serve as Oklahoma ESA's First Vice President. It is with great honor that I accept this nomination as First Vice President.

Qualifications:

ESA Membership	28 years, Skiatook Eta Epsilon #2840 and Norman Delta Kappa #3538
Chapters -	President, Vice President, Treasurer, Parliamentarian, Educational Chair, DIANA chair, Outstanding Youth chair, Secretary, Philanthropic, Awards, Ways & Means, DAA chair
District Offices	Coordinator (2), Vice Coordinator, Treasurer, Philanthropic, Educational, Ways & Means, Nominating Chair.
State Elected Offices	District IV Coordinator (2), State Project, Second Vice President
State Appointed Offices	Chaplin, Association of Arts, Easter Seals,
State Conventions Attended	23
International Conventions Attended	3
Other Accomplishments	5th Degree Pallas Athene - working on 6th, served on 5 State Conventions as host chapter, Skiatook Little Miss/Mister Pageant, Miss Skiatook Pageant Stage Director, Valentine for Vets Coordinator, Literacy Chair, Retired teacher, State and IC Association of the Art awards. Enjoy writing, painting, crafts and "junk selling".



**Mona Quaid Johnston – Second Vice President
Beta Iota, McAlester**

It is with great privilege that I accept the nomination for the office of Second Vice President of the Oklahoma State Council of Epsilon Sigma Alpha. I look forward to continuing my service to Oklahoma ESA on a state level and the opportunity to work along with all the special women who endlessly give back to all in need.

Qualifications:

ESA Membership	Years
Chapter Offices	Beta Iota, McAlester #4283 President, Parliamentarian, Educational Director
District Offices	Coordinator, Vice Coordinator, Parliamentarian
State Elected Offices	District Coordinator, Treasurer
State Appointed Offices	DAA, Membership
State Conventions Attended	30
Other Accomplishments	First Pearl, 5th Degree Pallas Athene, ESA Foundation member, St Jude Dream Home, hold a Master’s Degrees in Elementary Ed., Guidance and Counseling, Licensed Professional Counselor and a Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor as well as Supervisor status in both certifications Counseling is my passion and currently offer services to children, adolescents and adults in Rural Oklahoma. My husband Bobb and I live in Wilburton, Oklahoma with our 5 dogs and enjoy spending time being together (We have only been married since July 9, 2017).



**Robyn Ryan – Treasurer
Epsilon Kappa, Hominy**

With pleasure I accept the nomination as Oklahoma State Council Treasurer.

Qualifications:

ESA Membership	Epsilon Kappa #1945 Hominy, 32 Years
Chapter Offices	President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Parliamentarian, Philanthropic, Ways & Means Membership/Rush, Educational Director, Woman of the Year
District Offices	Coordinator, Vice Coordinator, Treasurer, Parliamentarian
State Elected Offices	District Coordinator, Parliamentarian, Recording Secretary, Treasurer

State Appointed Offices	Awards, Hope for Hero's, Contest
State Conventions Attended	18
International Conventions Attended	1
Other Accomplishments	First Pearl, 4th Degree Pallas Athene, ESA Foundation member. I have been employed for 24 years by the 1st Bank in Hominy, as an Operations Supervisor, Head Teller, Vault Teller, Ach Operator and ATM Complaints. I married Tim 21 years ago and we have 4 fur babies.



**Rita Hains – Recording Secretary
Eta Mu – Owasso**

I am honored to accept the nomination to run for Oklahoma State Council Recording Secretary for the 2018-2019 year. I have been a member of ESA since 1996 and am with the Eta Mu Chapter in Owasso.

Qualifications:

ESA Membership	Eta Mu, Owasso 22 years
Chapter Offices	President, Vice President ,Secretary, Treasurer, Awards, Educational, Social, Chaplain, Ways & Means, Philanthropic
District Offices	Coordinator, Vice Coordinator, Secretary, Treasurer, Nominating Committee, Parliamentarian
State Elected Offices	Recording Secretary, Petticoat Journal Editor, District III Coordinator
State Appointed Offices	Association of the Arts Chair, Chaplain, Circle of Life – Junior & Senior, Directory Chair, ESA Foundation, Membership –Junior & Senior, Contest Chair
State Conventions Attended	20
International Conventions Attended	1
Other Accomplishments	ESA Foundation member.



**Judy Cravens – Parliamentarian
Sigma Chi, Inola**

It is with great honor that I accept the nomination for the office of Parliamentarian of the Oklahoma State Council of Epsilon Sigma Alpha. I look forward to the opportunity to serve Oklahoma ESA on a state level and the chance to work alongside so many extraordinary ladies giving back to those less blessed while supporting all ESA projects.

Qualifications:

ESA Membership	31 Years
Chapters	Sigma Chi #5053 President (10), treasurer (1), Parliamentarian (10), Educational Director (5)
District Offices	None
State Elected Offices	None
State Appointed Offices	Awards (2), Assoc. of the Arts (2), Easter Seals (2)
State Conventions Attended	8
International Conventions Attended	3
Other Accomplishments	First Pearl, 5th Degree Pallas Athene, ESA Foundation member, St Jude Dream Home (10), St Jude Give Thanks/Walk (9). St Jude Radiothon (3) Inola "Crazy Socks" Run for St Jude (31) Retired after 34 years in the trucking industry and 6 years as a hairdresser. Am married to husband, Tim, have two daughters and one son, 10 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. I am active in Inola Christian Church. A member of (OHCE) Oklahoma Home and Community Education and AARP in Claremore, OK. I love quilting and belong to two quilting groups; one in Tulsa, Ok and one in Inola, OK.



**Susan Patterson – Project Director
Sigma Chi, Inola**

It is with great honor that I accept the nomination of the office of State Project Director to serve Oklahoma ESA on the State level and the opportunity to work along with local, state and international ESA projects.

Qualifications:

ESA Membership	16 years Sigma Chi, Inola
Chapter Offices	President, Secretary, Educational Director,
District Offices	
State Elected Offices	

State Appointed Offices	Association of Arts, Publicity, Credentials
State Conventions Attended	13
International Conventions Attended	1
Other Accomplishments	4 th Degree Palas Athene, Volunteer St. Jude's Give Thanks Walk. Retired from City of Tulsa, 1 son, 1 daughter, 4 grandchildren and 1 great grandson.



**PJ Editor – Peggy Hughes
Beta Gamma #0391 – Tulsa, OK**

I feel humble and honored to accept the nomination of PJ Editor of the Oklahoma State Council. I'm excited about the opportunity of preparing our beloved newsletter for the coming year. I think I'm up to the challenge. Thank you for trusting me.

Qualifications:

ESA Membership	43 yrs. – Life Active
Chapter/City Area Council Offices	All Chapter Offices and Chair positions. Tulsa Area Council Secretary(2), Vice President (2) and President (2)
District Offices	District III Secretary (2), Vice-Coordinator and Coordinator
State Elected Offices	Project Director
State Appointed Offices	Credentials, Directory Chair and Chaplain
State Conventions Attended	33
International Conventions Attended	1
Other Accomplishments	4 th Degree Pallas Athene – Sweetheart Pledge 1975, Emergency Infant Service Executive Board of Directors x 5 years, St John Auxiliary Volunteer x 4 years. Retired after 25 years as Computer Programmer with the United States Department of Agriculture.



**Nancy Baucom – Sr. Past President
Beta Mu, Lawton**



**Peggie Sprinkle – Jr. Past
President
Beta Gamma, Tulsa**



**Darla Barton – District II Coordinator
Beta Psi Clinton**



**Marilyn Hight – District III
Coordinator
Beta Gamma, Tulsa**



Patty Heer – District IV Coordinator

Zeta Gamma, Shawnee



**Tawanna Cathey – District V
Coordinator**

Beta Iota, McAlester



Hello, greetings and farewell from little ole me, your Second Vice President. I have enjoyed this year so much. It has been a great experience that I will always remember. I want to thank all of you who took on my theme and learned some information about our past through the eyes of Bad Boys and Girls. I traveled to several chapters and was treated like royalty. I visited with several of you at various state and district meeting and enjoyed hearing about things you found while researching your projects especially the six million man in Guthrie.

My year will have ended at the time of publication. I am ready to pull up my sleeves and read and learn more from your presentations on “America’s Notorious Bad Boys and Girls.”

Thanks for a great year and see you at State Convention or sooner.

Linda Leveridge
Second Vice President



Peggy Hughes *Project Director*

In case some of you don't know, the flowers you see above my name in this article are Peonies. Now, I don't know if you remember earlier in the year I asked you to donate your "Peonies" to the Project Fund. It's working. I just returned from the bank where our "Peonies" are growing into quite a sum, \$2,301.00 to be exact. That's about half of what we had in the Project Fund before our donations to OSB & OSD earlier this year. Thank you to those of you who have already sent your "Peonies" in, but we need more "Peonies" if I'm to turn a healthy sum to the next Project Director. Keep those "Peonies" coming. (Get it? Peonies instead of pennies. I know, it's corny!)



2017-2018 TREASURER REPORT

Chapters who have paid in full by January 1, 2018 in order to be eligible for contest recognition.

Alpha Epsilon	0175	Enid	Gamma Pi	5091	Inola
Alpha Nu	5425	Arapaho	Gamma Zeta	3464	Edmond
Alpha Rho	4350	Broken Arrow	Kappa Alpha	5393	Tulsa
Alpha Theta	1038	Muskogee	Kappa Theta	5414	Guthrie
Alpha Zeta	3067	Pawhuska	Nu Delta	5244	Muskogee
Beta Gamma	0391	Tulsa	Sigma Chi	5053	Inola
Beta Iota	4283	McAlester	Theta Tau	4563	Kingfisher
Beta Mu	0606	Lawton	Zeta Alpha	2292	Grove
Beta Psi	0498	Clinton	Zeta Epsilon	4614	Seminole
Beta Rho	1270	Del City	Zeta Gamma	4253	Shawnee
Beta Zeta	3158	Oklahoma City	Delta Lambda	3920	Muskogee
Chi Epsilon	5149	Talihina	Delta Mu	1120	Antlers
Delta Chi	1637	Midwest City	Epsilon Kappa	1945	Hominy

Delta						
Epsilon	2091	Del City		Eta Mu	2877	Owasso
Delta Kappa	3538	Norman		Gamma Delta	0702	Tulsa

ESA SISTERS, THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO BE YOUR TREASURER THIS YEAR.

The following is a report as of 3/5/2018

There are currently 3 accounts for the Oklahoma State Council of ESA all located at Arvest Bank

<u>Regular Checking Account Working Balance as of this report:</u>	\$6092.01
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This Money Market account includes the accounts for

<i>Speaker's Fund</i>	\$810.25
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<i>Profit from the 2012 IC Convention</i>	\$5415.14
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<i>IC Campaign Fund</i>	\$219.36
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<u>Money Market Account Balance as of this report:</u>	\$6444.78
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<u>Certificate of Deposit as of the report:</u>	\$4000.00
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If you have any questions regarding this report, please contact me at

mquaidm@yahoo.com

918 448 5649

Thank you,

Mona Quaid Johnston

3/5/2018



Desk of Robbin Brown, Ok. ESA State Chaplain

Thoughts and prayers were sent to these wonderful ESA sisters. Please continue to keep all ESA sisters in your prayers.

Sympathy:

Member Regina Mann, Sigma Chi Inola passed away January 27

Member Vera Hefner, Beta Zeta OKC passed away January 29

Member Frances Mann, Beta Gamma Tulsa passed away February 19

Thinking of you: Karla Applegate, Gamma Pi Inola

Get well: Dee Lowrey, Zeta Gamma, Shawnee

Lisa Bennett, Zeta Gamma Shawnee

Her mother & former ESA member Molly Jones.

“Be strong & courageous. Do not be afraid, do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.” Joshua 1:9

Robbin Brown

Oklahoma State ESA Chaplain





Linda Jones, PJ Editor

Hello Sisters,

How quickly my time as PJ Editor has flown by. I have enjoyed getting to know so many of my sisters across the state of Oklahoma. I hope to see many of you at the upcoming Convention.

So many of you have faithfully submitted articles for the Chapter Chatter month after month. I hope you enjoyed seeing your articles in the IC newsletter as well. My goal was to always submit something about our Oklahoma chapters each month to IC.

Peggy Hughes, the nominee for PJ Editor for 2018 -19 and I will be at the State Convention taking orders for those of you who still love getting a hard copy of the PJ delivered by mail.

Please note that the **cost will increase to \$25.00**, up from \$20.00. This is due to the cost of getting the PJ printed, stapled and mailed. If you are unable to attend the Convention you can send your subscription and payment with someone or wait for mailing information on the OKESA website in the near future.

Thank you for allowing me to serve you!





Association of the Arts



Hello ESA ladies:

I am the Association of Arts chairman and I need your entry forms to be postmarked by April 1st. I have received a few entries, but looking for more. I am sure you ladies have items you can present. Division 1 and 11 are contests; all other categories are for display only.

See you at convention!

Thank you,

Susan Patterson

Association of Arts

Pattersonsus78@gmail.com

918-549-8038



ESA Sisters

. Our 2017-18 Directories is on sale for the low price \$4.00

We have just a few in stock. Please send in your updated Chapter information before **May 1st** to Mary Adams Directory Chair for 2018-19

Barbara Eck
2017-18 Directory Chair



MEMBERSHIP CHAIR June Miller

Hello to you all! I can hardly wait to see you at Convention and to announce the winners of the MEMBERSHIP GROWTH and MOST NEW MEMBERS AWARDS! LUV YOU!.....JUNE



Marilyn Hight, Auditor

I have completed a pre-audit for the State Treasurer and Petticoat Journal Editor. I will need to pre-audit the State Convention Treasurer, State Project Director and Director Chairman soon so please text me at 918-219-2022 so we can make arrangements. The final audit for each will of these will be done at State Convention except for the State Convention Treasurer and that will be completed by the next auditor after Convention

I will be happy to audit books of any Chapter or District Treasurer. If you bring them to me, I will get them back in the same manner. If you mail them to me, please enclose enough money for return postage.

Marilyn Hight

Auditor

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Bristow, OK 74010

918-219-2022 - cell

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ESA Foundation News



I have enjoyed sharing information about the ESA Foundation with you this year and my how the time has flown. There are several areas within the Foundation that we can improve on and that is scholarships and endowments and how we can work to strengthen each of those entities. We need to do a better job informing schools in our communities that these scholarships are available to their students looking for grants to further their education. Communicating that information with your local school districts is the best way to convey that information. Get to know the Counselors working in your districts.

We have several Endowments that could be combined because no funds have been contributed to those Endowments in more than five years. Help is needed to find the right parties to sign off on those Endowments. Check on the Endowments that have been set up in your areas and make sure that they are being funded. If they are not check to see how they can be combined with another. You can always contact your State Foundation Counselor or with ESA Foundation Headquarters.

If you are not a member of the ESA Foundation consider a membership. I'm happy to report we have several new members that have joined these past few months and we have one new Life Active Member, Marge Stevens, Sigma Chi #5053 from Inola. Life Active memberships are \$500 and can be paid in two \$250 increments. The money from the Life Active Memberships supports the Career Enhancement Grants. These grants help to assist individuals seeking to further their knowledge and training in any field of interest to enhance their professional and educational experience.

This is my last article for the newsletter as your State ESA Foundation Counselor. I hope that you will get behind and support the new Foundation Counselor in achieving her goals for the state. It is a daunting job and it takes everyone working together to get the job accomplished.

*"Great opportunities to help others seldom come, but small ones surround us daily."
--Sally Koch*

Rosalie Griffith
Oklahoma ESA Foundation Counselor



THANK YOU ALL SO VERY MUCH.
WE HAVE AWESOME NOMINEES.
IT HAS BEEN OUR PLEASURE TO
BE YOUR OUTSTANDING YOUTH CHAIRMEN THIS
YEAR.

BARBARA AND DARLENE





Judy Cravens - Easter seals Chairman 2017-2018

Easterseals is our national project along with St Jude and as of this date, it is our responsibility to support it. For nearly 100 years Easterseals has been the indispensable resource for people and families facing disability, offering a wide range of services and supports nationwide. Now, as America faces a broad range of new issues, we are especially committed to making major, positive, life-changing differences in the lives of people and families facing today's disabilities. The work they do every day is redefining disabilities for the 21st century and changing the way the world defines and views disabilities by making positive and profound differences in people's lives every day.

Easterseals offers hundreds of home and community based services and supports—categorized into five distinct support areas: Live, Learn, Work, Play and Act.

LIVE: Hands on comprehensive, vital programs and support to help people reach their full potential:

- Adult and senior services
- Autism services
- Medical rehabilitation and health services
- Mental health services
- Residential and housing services

LEARN: Programs designed to help children and adults learn—and often relearn—basic functions, master skills need to develop and thrive, and be sharp and active across the lifespan.

- Online development screening tool
- Assistive technology services
- Early intervention services
- Child care services
- Children services

WORK: A range of training, placement and related services helping people prepare for the workforce.

- Veterans and Military family services
- Workforce Development services

PLAY: Fun, healthy programs for children, adults and caregivers to relax, connect with friends and engage in constructive activities.

- Camping and recreation
- Respite services
- Supportive services

ACT: Involvement opportunities for our vibrant community of friends and supporters.

- Community engagement and outreach
- Educational programming

Since we no longer have an Easterseals facility in Oklahoma, some chapters have donated to their local non-profit facility. They prefer to keep their money in Oklahoma. Easterseals headquarters in Chicago assured us that they are working on obtaining another affiliate in Oklahoma but as of now I know of nothing yet.

It was voted at the March State Council meeting that money donated to Wovenlife be considered as an Easterseals donation for this year only even though it disaffiliated with Easterseals as of August 31, 2017. You need to be sure and send a copy of your chapter service report to me so I can give an accurate report to ESA headquarters of the distribution of Oklahoma monies.

It is my recommendation that our Oklahoma sisters need to watch and see what Easterseals is doing in the future for our state and seriously look at whether we want to stay with Easterseals or find another worthy non-profit organization to support in Oklahoma.

Chapters donated to Easterseals HQ & Houston Hurricane relief: Zeta Gamma #4253, Delta Kappa #3538, Delta Chi #1637 (plus money from 2016-2017 Convention Silent Auction)

\$1363.00

Chapters donated to Wovenlife: Alpha Rho #4350, Epsilon Kappa #1945 \$125.00



“Diamonds in the Garden of ESA”

2018 State Convention Report

“Diamonds in the Garden Of ESA”
ESA Oklahoma 75th Annual State Convention

The 2018 State Convention committee are looking forward to seeing you at the ESA Oklahoma State Council 75th Annual Convention, “Diamonds in the Garden of ESA” in Tulsa at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. We are excited to have the IC First Vice President Kim Kummer and our MARC Representative Linda Schmidt with us this year at convention.

There will be 2 workshops on Friday afternoon. Dinner will be served Friday evening at the mixer “Lady Bug Picnic.” On Saturday morning there will be a hands on workshop followed by our opening ceremonies and First General Assembly. Then we will celebrate our accomplishments at the Garden Party luncheon. Saturday evening we will celebrate our “Diamond Jubilee” at the installation and banquet. On Sunday morning we will take “A Walk in the Garden” to remember those we have lost this past year.

We will have lots of fun and surprises for you at Convention. So don’t miss out on all the fun & fellowship, tears & laughter, and the experience of “*Diamonds in the Garden of ESA.*” We have also arranged for late checkout for all attendees, so checkout is 1:00 pm on Sunday.

We look forward to seeing you in Tulsa April 27, 28 & 29, 2018 for the 75th Oklahoma State Council Convention.

Judi York
2018 State Convention Chair



75th Annual ESA Oklahoma State Council Convention

“Diamonds in the Garden of ESA”

Tentative Schedule

Friday, April 27, 2018

12:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Welcome to the Garden Registration

12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Association of the Arts Check-in
Information & Sales
Convention Sales, PJ, Credentials,
Directory, Foundation Credentials

1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

“Garden Shed” Hospitality Room

12:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Auction Item Check-in

3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

It’s Raining Pennies from Heaven Workshop

4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

ESA International Workshop with
Kim Kummer

5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

“Stars in the Garden” Executive &
General Board Reception (by Invitation)

5:30 – 6:00 p.m.

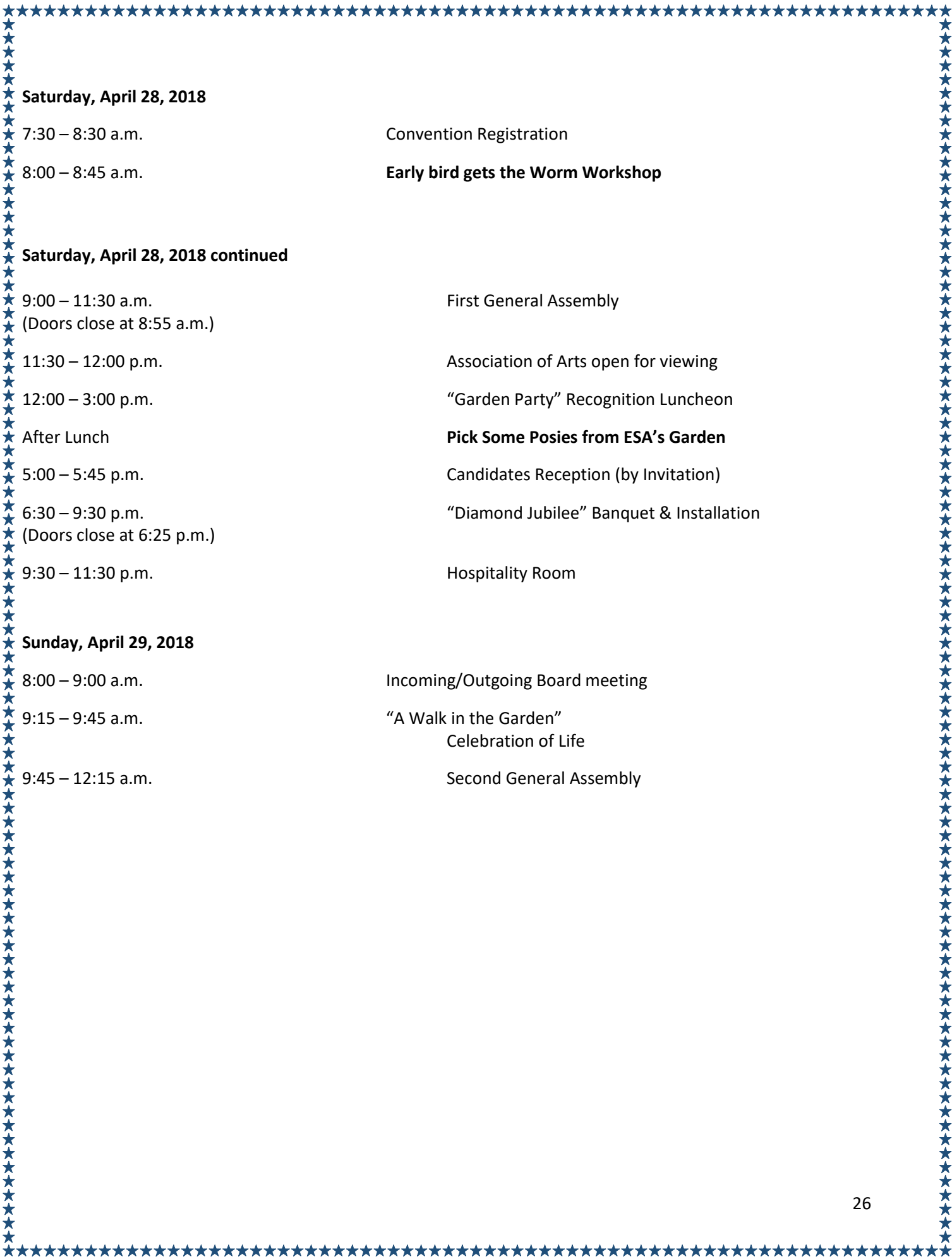
First Time Convention Goers Welcome

6:30 – 9:30 p.m.

“Lady Bug Picnic” Welcome Party/Mixer
with dinner

9:30 – 11:30 p.m.

Hospitality Room



Saturday, April 28, 2018

7:30 – 8:30 a.m. Convention Registration

8:00 – 8:45 a.m. **Early bird gets the Worm Workshop**

Saturday, April 28, 2018 continued

9:00 – 11:30 a.m. First General Assembly
(Doors close at 8:55 a.m.)

11:30 – 12:00 p.m. Association of Arts open for viewing

12:00 – 3:00 p.m. “Garden Party” Recognition Luncheon

After Lunch **Pick Some Posies from ESA’s Garden**

5:00 – 5:45 p.m. Candidates Reception (by Invitation)

6:30 – 9:30 p.m. “Diamond Jubilee” Banquet & Installation
(Doors close at 6:25 p.m.)

9:30 – 11:30 p.m. Hospitality Room

Sunday, April 29, 2018

8:00 – 9:00 a.m. Incoming/Outgoing Board meeting

9:15 – 9:45 a.m. “A Walk in the Garden”
Celebration of Life

9:45 – 12:15 a.m. Second General Assembly

WORKSHOPS FOR 2018 OK ESA CONVENTION

Friday, 3-4 p.m. "It's Raining Pennies from Heaven for Your ESA Garden"



Participants will get ideas on how Random Acts of Kindness can change their life. You'll receive a gold "Kindness" coin to help you get started. Pass It On!



Friday, 4-5 p.m. "Sowing Seeds in Your ESA Garden"

"What is Your Legacy" IC 1st VP Kim Kummer from Kansas will help you discover your ESA Legacy. Have you made an impact since you joined ESA? What have you contributed? Don't miss this soul-searching hour!

Saturday, 8-9 a.m. "The Early Bird Gets the Worm"



I know it's early, but getting your hands and fingers working will get you awake! Learn how to use a "Knifty Knitter" to make newborn baby hats for an Infant Crisis Center, hats for our troops for Hope for Heroes, a support pillow for breast cancer patients, or a shawl for a nursing home resident. This hands-on workshop will be a refresher for some and new for others. Bring a Knifty Knitter, which you can purchase from Wal-Mart, Hobby Lobby, Michael's or on Amazon and 2 balls of yarn; or let me know you need one, and you can purchase supplies at the workshop (\$10).

Saturday, right after lunch "Pick Some Posies from ESA's Garden"

Get new ideas from 3 "Round Tables" to refresh your local chapter. There will be 4 round tables available, and you can choose 3 to attend (20 minutes each). (1) Terrific new ideas on creative, successful Ways & Means projects which become outreach for new membership, (2) Learn how to sow seeds in your ESA garden to grow your membership. Recruit new members creatively. Have a Pot Party or a Mom Prom (you'll have to come to the workshop to find out how!). Learn to ask probing questions first. Develop a short "elevator" speech to be ready on a moment's notice to make your pitch on ESA. Watch your garden grow! (3) Tired of the same old Socials? Learn how to SYN together!! Or expand a Bunco Party to 50 or 100 and it becomes a terrific fundraiser. (4) Social Media reaches out to the younger generation. Bring your laptop or just come learn new ideas.

Dr. Billye Peterson 405.812.0138
Sr. Vice President/Workshop Coordinator





HOPE FOR HEROES, by Sandy Lackey

Some of you have asked for a repeat of this article giving the sizes and instructions for the pillow cases. I am sure if we wanted to make more for this upcoming year they would surely appreciate it.

We will also have a couple of other projects to work on that I will get info to you soon.

We would like for everyone to make pillow cases from colorful (washable) fabric for each soldier to have for his own. It would be nice if you could include a note as to who made it for them and encouragement.

You can do this as a chapter social, with some cutting, some sewing & some writing notes.

A standard pillow is 26" long by 21" wide --- so you could make the pillow case 30" x 24". -1-3/4 yard of 45" wide fabric will make 2 cases. 1-1/3 yard of 60" wide fabric will make 2 cases. If you have remnants you can always piece colors for contrasting trim to make them.

Sewing the seam can be a normal seam, which might ravel out or if someone knows how to do a French seam that would be great. Also if someone has a multi lock machine (to serge) this will work great too.

We got in contact with Sandra Bixler who is the president of the Tulsa Chapter for Blue Star Mothers and she is excited to get them.

They send a lot of boxes to the troops every month and can put one in each of their boxes.



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DISTRICT III NEWS
Byrdie Emanuel District III Coordinator

We have been Livin' the Dream this year and capped it off with our joint meeting with District V at OSB February 24th. At that time we held our installation. Dr. Billye Peterson conducted a beautiful ceremony. Installed were: Marilyn Fairchild of Beta Gamma Tulsa, Coordinator; Brenda Yates Kappa Alpha Tulsa, Vice Coordinator; Marilyn Joplin Eta Epsilon Skiatook Secretary; Robyn Ryan Epsilon Kappa Hominy Treasurer. We raised funds for Clarehouse our Philanthropic Project for the past two years. WE raised \$1,322.56 for Clarehouse. The Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma was voted as our Project for this year and the next. Anyone who is concerned by the food insecurity of our neighbors is encouraged to let Marilyn know that you would like to be Project Director. See you at convention.





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DISTRICT IV NEWS Gwen Beasley Coordinator

★ Thanks to all who have supported me and District IV. My board and appointed board all are wonderful ladies and I appreciate all of you more than you could possibly imagine.

★ By the time the PJ is emailed/printed we may or may not have had our meeting. Big plans are in the works for District IV and District II. Hopefully, we will/have voted on combining our districts into one and this upcoming year will see the process begin on what needs to be accomplished.

★ If we do not combine our districts, then hopefully we can come up with ideas to get more members to attend the meetings. It is difficult to plan and have meeting with so few members attending. Also, a couple of bylaws changes will be voted on.

★ Patty Heer will be the next Coordinator, and I know she will do a great job as she is so creative and full of energy.

★ Can't wait for convention as we always have so much fun hanging with our ESA sisters.

★ See you then



Carolyn Womack TAC
Publicity Chair



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Tulsa Area Council

"Spring is on its way...give love and share...don't delay!"

On March 7, we had our first 2018 "Magical Leprechaun" meeting hosted by Eta Mu. Our President, Leslie Farabee welcomed 24 members and one guest. Invocation and thought for the day "Trust vs Fear" was given by Suzanne Dossett.

ESA members working the February 22nd-23rd St. Jude Telethon really did a fantastic job! \$158,250 was raised! So many will be blessed by ESA dedicated workers. Thank you K95.5 FM. Special thanks to all the participants!

On our February 24th tour and meeting, our 2018-19 District III Officers were installed at the Oklahoma School for the Blind.

Marilyn Hight-Coordinator

Brenda Yates-Vice Coordinator

Marilyn Joplin-Secretary

Robyn Ryan-Treasurer

Byrdie Emanuel-Past President

Installing Officer Dr. Billye Peterson

A special congratulation goes to Marge Stevens Sigma Chi, Inola, becoming a Life member. Your dedication and love is admired by us.

Our Oklahoma State Council Meeting with President Peggie Sprinkle presiding was held in Tulsa on March 10th. 70 state members were in attendance, 21 of those TAC members. A scavenger hunt looking for different ESA people with certain qualifications or history was entertaining. Over 50 handmade pillow cases for our service men and women were brought for donation to the Blue Star Moms. Members, candy filled 100 eggs for OSB and 100 eggs for OSD for a total of 200 eggs. Left over candy was donated to the schools.

"Diamonds in the Gardens of ESA" (Motto) Our 75th Annual ESA Oklahoma State Council Convention at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Tulsa is on April 27th-28th-29th. Rosalie Griffith, Convention Registration, has requested members to sign up by March 20th and Register at the hotel by April 10th.

The ground has been broken and construction is underway for our 2018 ST Jude's Dream Home. The \$100.00 tickets will go on sale March 27th.

April 27th, 28th, 29th 75th ANNUAL OKLAHOMA STATE COUNCIL CONVENTION

May 6th FOUNDERS DAY TEA at the Hardesty Library

8316 E 93rd St

July 27th BUNKO BASH

December 2nd ANNUAL CANDLELIGHT DINNER

If you look at the "Big ESA Chapter in the Sky" you will see our beloved sister, Francis Mann. Francis was born February 15, 2021 and passed away February 19, 2018. Francis was a devoted ESA member for 64 years and in the Beta Gamma Chapter. "She was small in size but mighty in spirit." Francis ESA spirit and faithfulness shined anytime you were around her. Her smile lit up the room and always had a big smile for everybody. She will be missed but always remembered in our hearts. She lived in the Burgundy Place, a retirement facility in Tulsa. ESA and Burgundy Place will have a memorial together at a later date.

TULSA AREA COUNCIL OFFICERS 2018

President: Leslie Farabee, Eta Mu

Vice-President: Brenda Yates, Kappa Alpha

Secretary: Peggie Sprinkle, Beta Gamma

Treasurer: Charlene Law, Gamma Delta

Parliamentarian: Dawn Haley, Gamma Delta

TAC's meeting was positive, informative and fruitful. Leslie has a Magical Garden of ESA.

Each hosting chapter will choose a gnome/fairy to place in the garden. We thank Leslie and her staff and will see you at our next meeting on April 4 at York Electronics. Till then....

P.S. We never know whether it may be a family member, a friend, or a stranger. I had a close encounter recently with life. After a visit to ER, ICU, regular hospital and skilled nursing care, I am at my sister's house receiving Home Health Care. Yesterday my Home Health Care RN said she wouldn't be able to come next week as she had to go to Tennessee. I asked what she was going to visit in Tennessee. Her answer, "St Jude's Hospital". She said she went last week and her granddaughter had a MRI. This coming week her granddaughter is having surgery and a biopsy. We conversed and she told me she always bought two tickets a year on our Dream Home, never expecting to win. AND said she never expected to be visiting St Jude's with her granddaughter. My heart is proud to be a small part of ESA helping St Jude's Hospital. I again have tears.



Chapter Chatter

Gamma Zeta - Edmond



Gamma Zeta members of Epsilon Sigma Alpha International Service Organization Liz King and Billye Peterson fill Easter eggs for Oklahoma School for the Blind in Muskogee, Oklahoma and Oklahoma School for the Deaf in Sulphur, Oklahoma at the state ESA meeting held in Tulsa. Over 200 eggs will be distributed to the two schools for the state projects for ESA.



Pictured left to right: Laura Howells, Tietje German, and Sandi Robinson of ESA at Fish City for their February fundraiser

Fish City of Edmond and Epsilon Sigma Alpha International service organization worked together for a February fundraiser.

The monies raised will go to No Boundaries, International, a faith-based nonprofit ministry dedicated to bringing hope to any type of devastation including human trafficking. Epsilon Sigma Alpha is an international service organization whose members volunteer time and monies to many different organizations including Boys' Ranch Town, Coffee Creek Riding Stables, Free to Live, Project 66, Mobile Meals, All Things Baby, UR Special, and No Boundaries, International. The Gamma Zeta chapter of ESA also works with Oklahoma School for the Deaf and Oklahoma School for the Blind. St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is their national project.



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Gamma Zeta - Edmond



Pictured left to right: AJ, Sergio, Ricardo, Shane and ESA Gamma Zeta member Jacci Gantz and Liz King.

Epsilon Sigma Alpha, an international service organization, and its Gamma Zeta chapter loaded fun-filled Easter baskets with goodies for the young men at Boys' Ranch Town. Boys Ranch Town is a 145 acre working ranch located in a rural setting within the city limits of Edmond. The campus contains modern cottages, each with a capacity for eight residents and a married couple serving as house parents. The family arrangement in the cottage models how a Christian household should operate. Boys' Ranch Town creates an active ranch Christian environment.



Gamma Zeta members of Epsilon Sigma Alpha Bonnie Daye and Billye Peterson attend Open House at Oklahoma School for the Blind, which was established in 1897. Oklahoma School for the Blind, also known as Parkview School, is a day and residential school for blind students pre-K through grade 12 and is located in Muskogee, Oklahoma. The school provides vital specialized services and its dedicated teachers enable these students to succeed.

Jacci Gantz, Publicity Chairman
Epsilon Sigma Alpha, Gamma Zeta chapter
[405-922-5954](tel:405-922-5954)



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Chapter Chatter

Zeta Gamma - Shawnee

Once again hello from Shawnee. We just finished our annual awards dinner at OBU for our DAA & Outstanding Youth recipients. Peggy Rider from Shawnee was chosen as the DAA & Garrett Trotter a Senior student from Choctaw was our Outstanding Youth. They are both very deserving of these awards. We all met. at Lora Thompson's house for a "white elephant auction" to raise money for the chapter. There was great items and we made a lot of money for the chapter. Next we will meet at Peggy Campbell's house for a St. Patrick's Day dinner for fellowship and games. We always have a wonderful time. Many of the girls are driving to Clinton for the District II meeting on March 17. Then we're planning for District IV meeting for Coordinator Gwen Beasley & installation of 2018-2019 District Coordinator Peggy Heer. This will be at the Shawnee Public Library at 9:30 on April 7. Lunch will also be served. We hope to see many of our ESA sisters there. Then we'll all be ready to have some fun at the Oklahoma State Convention in Tulsa.

Congratulations Peggie for a great "star shining year".

Robbin Brown

Publicity chairman.



Outstanding Youth Garrett Trotter with Robbin Brown



On the right; Peggy Rider DAA recipient



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Chapter Chatter

Delta Kappa – Norman

The "Snowflake Party" for the 17 lady veterans at the Veteran's Center in Norman was a big hit. We tried our best to spoil them with lots of delicious treats, cute favors and lots of snowflake decorations. Everyone enjoyed the entertainment provided by Shirley Franklin. Shirley sang a medley of songs especially for the ladies.

Gloria Torres, Educational Director, completed her programs on outlaws and criminals for the year. We learned some interesting facts about several corrupt and dishonest characters on the wrong side of the law.

Yay! We are celebrating the successful completion of working 33 OU basketball games. Due to several dedicated members & the guidance of our W & M's chair, Georgia, we were able to meet & exceed our budget income amount. When Helen, Linda, Janice & Gary finish working on April 14 at the OU Red & White football game, we will officially be done with all the games until September. Then it starts all over again.

It is time for Delta Kappa to have some fun. We will be doing just that with a social on March 19, 2018 at Red Rock Canyon restaurant. No work. No business. No planning. It will be just booze, food and fun.

Nine members of Delta Kappa had a fun day in Tulsa at the State Council meeting on March 10.

Our Awards Banquet to present awards to several deserving members will be held on April 16, 2018. We will also be honoring our OSY award winners, Gracie Sweetman (Sr. High) and Mary Strevett (Jr. High). These two talented, smart and exceptional young ladies are very deserving of this recognition.

Our annual Closet Sale will be held on April 6 & 7 at Goodrich Church. We will have an excellent assortment of clothing for all ages & sizes. You will also be able to accessorize your outfit with shoes, purse and jewelry. Hope you will be able to stop by to shop with us.

Ten members will be attending "Diamonds in the Garden of ESA" State Convention in April in Tulsa. We are looking forward to a great weekend with lots of fun, fellowship and good food! We are excited about seeing our own Linda Leveridge installed as First Vice President. CONGRATULATIONS LINDA!!!! We are proud of you and will be there to support you any way we can.

Until next time-----I am looking forward to spring, Convention and fun in the summer sun. Hope you are too!!!!



Snowflake party for the lady Veterans at the VA Center



Sharon working the OU Basketball game with Boomer



Linda, Helen & Sharon working the OU game.



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Chapter Chatter

Alpha Rho - Broken Arrow



Chapter members JoAnn Bierig, Sandy Berenson, Bev Schwarzkopf and Patricia McQueen (Not shown, Linda Jones)

Every year we prepare "Blizzard Bags" for Broken Arrow's Meals on Wheels. The bags contain soup, instant breakfast cereal, cocoa, and fruit for seniors in case the Meals on Wheels drivers can't make a delivery. Since it was Valentine's Day, we decorated the bags and included personalized cards and candy in the bags.



Top left; JoAnn Bierig, Mary Stonechiper, Peggy Schoenhals, Eileen Wiley, Linda Jones & Paula Frerichs

Thanks, to a donation of fabric from chapter members Eileen Wiley and Mary Stonechiper, we were able to make 55 colorful pillowcases to donate for the men and women serving our country.



Chapter Chatter

Omega Pi – Tulsa

“Spring is on its way...give love and share...don’t delay!”

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We are changing our meeting date at Brookside Library to the third Monday of the month and have floating social dates. (In the event a holiday is on Monday and the library is closed, we will meet at an agreed location).

In addition to our December donation to EIS, Mitzi and Joan delivered more wipes, handmade baby blankets and variable sizes of diapers.

On January 26, 2018, we had our social at Cindy Whitehouse’s home, hosted by Cindy and Joan. We sat down to an enjoyable Southern dinner of ham & beans, cornbread, spiced peaches, cookies and drinks. After visiting with laughter, we watched a movie, having popcorn and more drinks. A fun time! We thank you Cindy and Joan!

Our February 19th meeting was at Rincon Mexican Grill and Cantina. We welcomed our guest, Marilyn Naas. We are thankful that Marilyn is joining ESA. Our present 2017-2018 officers will continue service for 2018-2019.

Our social on March 10 was at Click’s Steakhouse in Pawnee. Members reported that it was a busy restaurant with large and delicious steaks! They also had homemade pies and cobblers. I’m sorry I was ill and missed this social as steak and cobblers are my favorites.

Our March 19th at Rincon Mexican Grill and Cantina will be a combination meeting of:

1. Business and Social meeting
2. New member ceremony for Marilyn Naas, happily welcoming her with love and friendship as our new ESA Sister
3. Installation of 2018-2019 Officers
President: Anne Jones
Vice President: Mitzi Joy
Secretary: Joan Nightingale
Treasurer: Mary Ann Emery

This will be a night to celebrate!

Carolyn Womack



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Chapter Chatter

Beta Iota – McAlester

The members of Beta Iota, McAlester have been holding to their motto of "Be Extraordinary!" It has been a fun and successful few months for Beta Iota. January we had our 1st annual Mom Prom fundraiser and RUSH event. WOW! What a fun social fundraiser for our community and Beta Iota sisters! Some of our Beta Iota sisters recruited several new members during the event as well. Mom Prom was a "girl's night out" fundraiser and RUSH event, where no men were allowed, and all of the ladies of the community were invited to come eat, dance, and have a few drinks and a great time. Be sure to attend the workshop at State convention that Annette Nichols and Jeanie McCabe from the Beta Iota McAlester chapter will be talking about "How to have a Successful event."



Beta Iota sisters also had their annual Valentine's Day fundraiser "Chocolate Covered Strawberries." Members sold, dipped, and delivered over 170 dozen chocolate covered strawberries for their 2018 Valentine's Day fundraiser.



Beta Iota has been busy being extra-extraordinary with one successful fundraiser after another and on April 7th, 2018 we will be hosting our 4th annual Beta Iota Hotrod Show in McAlester at the Life Church. Year after year the hotrod show brings in people from as far away as Houston, Texas to our town to show off their hotrods. This event/fundraiser also provides for our community activities such as craft, jewelry, direct sales and food vendors along with all of the cool hotrods that show up. We invite all ESA members out to our 2018 4th Annual Beta Iota Hotrod Show on Saturday, April 7th.

On to other things that Beta Iota McAlester has been up to include presenting our Distinguished Achievement Award to a McAlester local Valerie Lalli. Valerie is one outstanding volunteer and event organizer in the

McAlester community. She works every year to raise extraordinary amounts of money for organizations such as American Cancer Society. Beta Iota member Tara Singleton was so proud to get to present Valerie with her award.



On March 6th Beta Iota had a Tuesday Evening Tea Party Rush event at a local restored building that houses McAlester's Spaceship Earth Coffee House. We had decorations, food, and tea provided for the Rush event by members of Beta Iota. We had 6 potential new members attend and all 6 members signed and became new members of Beta Iota that evening. Tuesday Evening Tea Party was a very successful RUSH event for Beta Iota.



It's Tea Time!



Beta Iota would like to send our best wishes out to our sisters Margaret Kramer, Mona Quaid Johnston, Tawanna Cathey, and June Miller for Extraordinary success as incoming Oklahoma State ESA officers.

Beta Iota hopes that spring will bring each of our sisters of ESA "Extraordinary" love, wealth, and health! ---Jeanie McCabe



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Chapter Chatter

Alpha Epsilon – Enid



Maribel Moore

I am so glad that I have talked to Linda Jones, PJ Editor. I have had a desire for a while to write and tell my story about our chapter, when she asked for pictures and chapter news. We are so proud of Alpha Epsilon #175 in Enid. We are the oldest chapter in the state of Oklahoma and one of the oldest in the nation.

Our chapter was chartered on December 20, 1942. I joined November 1, 1944.

We have enjoyed working with hundreds of members. We have come and gone, and we have done lots of work locally. As a group, we went to the Deaf & Blind Schools, attended many State Conventions, hosting 3 State Conventions. We've had 5 to 6 members that attended national conventions.

In 2017, we gave \$650.00 to St. Jude. I and other members held elected state offices. Of course, we continued to work and hold banquets, parties, sales and regular meetings up until our members started to age, move away, or pass away. We have two life members (myself and my daughter, Larrie Ann Halbrook). We also have three members in their 90's, with two in their 70's.

I am 96 years old, lie alone, still driving, but I do need a walker to keep moving. I am very proud to get an ESA card every year showing my 74 years of service. My daughter Larrie Ann is a 45 year of service member. I am so glad to keep getting the PJ so I can know what ESA Oklahoma is doing. I love reading about new members. I am still proud of Alpha Epsilon #175 and urge every chapter to keep working for such a great organization.

**Larrie Ann Halbrook was kind enough to mail the article along with a picture of Maribel.*



Chapter Chatter

Kappa Theta - Guthrie

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Looking forward to Convention. Our chapter attended the State Council Meeting and had a fun time visiting with all. We went to see glass blowing, toured an alpaca ranch, and prepared tote bags for ladies and children at Eagle Ridge Institute.

Submitted by Sylvia Ochs

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We have a brand new year and in most places in the country it is cold – very cold in fact, but in Arizona and California, it is sunny and warm and we are ready to celebrate! We are working hard to make the 2018 IC Convention very special for all of you.

The convention officially begins on Wednesday, July 18 with great workshops and a fiesta. There is a band for the welcome mixer on Wednesday night and it is a wonderful way to begin our celebration. You won't want to miss it.

Want to come early? There are great tours planned. You will find the tour list in this newsletter. There is a trip just a little north of Phoenix to Jerome or perhaps you would like to ride the Verde railroad. There are beautiful sites to see. Interested in a casino? Well we have those as well. There are lots of things to do before we get started and you won't want to miss a one of them!

The IC Council Executive Board will have their Trivia event on Thursday night. It is so much fun. Put together your team now or join one that night. Everyone can play and you have a chance to buy a "Be A Gem" ticket as well to support the Council.

Friday will be St. Jude Day and we will hear all the latest news from the hospital and on Friday afternoon we will have the St. Jude Challenge.

Friday is also special because that night there are two exciting events for you. First, the Arizona Diamondbacks and the Colorado Rockies are playing baseball just two blocks from the hotel. You will want to get you money in quickly and join the fun as we attend the game! We have great seats that come with food and it will be a great evening.

Not into baseball, well there will also be a bus going to one of the local casinos for dinner and to try your luck. Who knows, you might really be lucky!

Come join us July 18-22 at the Sheraton Grand Hotel in Phoenix and join us for "Sunshine and Celebrations."

Sherry Day
2018 Local Convention Chair



Tours for 2018 IC Convention

Mark the appropriate space(s) and indicate the number of tickets you want to order.

Please include tour registration with convention registration and payment.

*****All tours include round-trip transportation*****

Sunday July 15, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm - Registration deadline – June 1, 2018

Jerome and Lunch at the Asylum

Depart the Sheraton at 8am and travel to the Verde Valley. Experience a destination rich in history, beauty, and the production of exquisite Arizona wines. Stop in Cottonwood for shopping on your own in the historical downtown and a wine-tasting at Fire Mountain. Continue to Jerome. Recently voted as one of “America’s Coolest Small Towns” by BudgetTravel.com. Jerome is a historic mining town built in the side of Mingus Mountain that was abandon but has come back to life. Lunch is included at the Asylum. Return to the Sheraton around 4pm.

_____ Tickets at \$110.00 per person = \$_____

Sunday July 15, 9:30 am – 3:30 pm - Registration deadline – June 1, 2018

Butterfly Museum and Talking Stick Casino

Depart the Sheraton at 9:30am and travel to the Butterfly Museum where over 3,000 friendly butterflies await your arrival. It the largest indoor butterfly pavilion in America. Around 12:30pm continue to Be Talking Stick Resort and Casino for lunch on your own. The culinary experts at Talking Stick Resort have created six unique restaurants for you to enjoy throughout the hotel and resort. Then there will be time to flirt with lady luck before returning to the Sheraton around 3:30pm.

_____ Tickets at \$89.00 per person = \$_____

Monday July 16, 8:30 am – 8:00 pm - Registration deadline – June 1, 2018

Verde Canyon Railroad

Depart the Sheraton at 8:30am and travel to Clarksdale where you will board the Verde Canyon Railroad for a four hour diesel train journey to places only accessible by rail. See crimson cliffs, eagle nests, white water rapids, and abandoned gold mines. Return to the Sheraton around 8pm.

_____ Tickets at \$129.00 per person - coach class = \$_____

_____ Tickets at \$179.00 per person - first class = \$_____

Monday July 16, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm - Registration deadline – June 1, 2018

Classic (Historic) Homes

Go back in time for a day and discover Arizona's rich history. Tour The Rossen House, a fully-restored 1895 Queen Anne Victorian house museum which interprets the history of Phoenix. Tours of the house include all living areas and offer visitors a glimpse into the lifestyles of early Phoenix families. Spend time at Heritage Square before driving by other historical Phoenix homes. These homes are striking reminders of the Valley's vibrant past Lunch is included at the Spicery in Glendale.

_____ Tickets at \$75.00 per person = \$_____

Tuesday July 17, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm - Registration deadline – June 1, 2018

Sedona and Montezuma Castle

Depart the Sheraton at 8am and travel to Montezuma Castle National Monument. Gaze through the windows of the past into one of the best preserved cliff dwellings in North America. This 20 room high-rise apartment, nestled into a towering limestone cliff, tells a story of ingenuity, survival and ultimately, prosperity in an unforgiving desert landscape. Continue to Sedona for lunch and sightseeing on your own. Sedona is home to over 300 artists that draw from the quiet, colorful, and spectacular physical environment. The red rocks, drifting clouds, towering pinnacles, and sheer canyon walls lend incredible beauty to this area. Return to the Sheraton at about 5pm.

_____ Tickets at \$105.00 per person = \$_____

Tuesday July 17, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm - Registration deadline – June 1, 2018

Musical Instrument Museum (MIM)

Depart the Sheraton at 9am. A guided tour of MIM features more than 6,000 instruments collected from around 200 of the world’s countries and territories. Most displays are enhanced by state-of-the-art audio and video technologies that allow guests to see the instruments, hear their sounds, and observe them being played in their original contexts. Lunch is on your own in the MIM Café. Return to the Sheraton around 2pm.

_____ Tickets at \$65.00 per person = \$_____

* **Friday July 20, 6:00 – 10:00** - Registration deadline – June 1, 2018
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* **Diamondbacks Baseball**

* The Arizona Diamondbacks are at home and playing the Colorado Rockies. Ticket price includes all you can eat
* ball park food (hot dogs, popcorn, sodas and more). In sections with easy access and close to the bar and a little
* more leg room. Don't forget – Chase Field is air conditioned and just 3 blocks from the Sheraton Grand Hotel.
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* _____ Tickets at \$38.00 per person = \$ _____
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* **Friday July 20, 6:00 – 10:30** - Registration deadline – June 1, 2018
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* **Wildhorse Pass Casino**

* Take the bus to Wildhorse Pass Hotel and Casino for a night of fun. There a slots and table games and great
* places to eat. See just how lucky you are! The bus will leave the hotel at 6:00 PM and return to the hotel about
* 10:30 PM.
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* **Sunday July 22, 9:00 – 5:00** - Registration deadline – June 1, 2018
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* **Tucson – San Xavier Del BAC Mission and the Presidio**

* Depart the Sheraton at 9am and travel to Tucson. Upon arriving, tour the San Xavier del Bac
* Mission. A National Historic Landmark, San Xavier Mission was founded as a Catholic mission by
* Father Eusebio Kino in 1692. It is the oldest intact European structure in Arizona and is filled with
* marvelous original statuary and mural paintings. After lunch on your own, visit the Presidio San
* Agustín del Tucson Museum, a re-creation of the Tucson Presidio built in 1775. Travel back in time
* to learn about life as early Tucsonans would have lived it. Docent tours discuss life in the Santa
* Cruz Valley for early Native Americans, Presidio residents and Territorial Period settlers. See the
* archaeological remains of a pit house, walk along the original Presidio wall and experience a 150
* year old classic Sonoran Row house. Return to the Sheraton around 5pm.
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* _____ Tickets at \$99.00 per person = \$ _____
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NOTE: Tours may be cancelled if minimum registration is not met.

Registration deadline – June 1, 2018

Name _____

State _____

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If using debit/credit card, add 4.5% _____

Payment Instructions: Include Tour Registration form with Convention Registration. For your convenience, you may remit one check, money order, or credit / debit payment for both.